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SMUGGLING AT INDO NEPAL BORDER
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the smuggling related activities on Indo-Nepal border have registered a alarming rise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons arrested on the said border for smuggling related activities;

(d) the action taken against them by the Government; and

(e) the action being taken by the Government to check the smuggling related activities on Indo-Nepal border?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it cannot be stated with certainty that the smuggling related activities on Indo-Nepal have registered an alarming increase. However, intelligence inputs, corroborated by seizures, indicate that the Indo-Nepal border continues to be sensitive from smuggling point of view. The details of cases of smuggling detected by the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) at Indo-Nepal border during last 3 years andcurrent year (upto July, 2001) are as follows:-

Details of seizures	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002 (upto July, 2001)
No. of cases booked	4593	4422	6405	1654
Value of goods seized (Rs. in crores)	52.02	58.14	53.21	9.66

(c) The number of persons arrested at Indo-Nepal boder for smuggling relatedactivities during last 3 years & current year (upto July, 2001) are as follows:-

Details of seizures	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002 (upto July, 2001)
No. of persons arrested	277	187	307	41

(d) Penal action and prosecution is initiated under the Customs Act againstthe persons involved in smuggling related activities and detention under COFEPOSA is also considered in deserving cases.

(e) All the concerned field formations under the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) are alert and

vigilant to check smuggling related activities on Indo-Nepal border.